

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**February 27, 2006 MINUTES**

On Monday, February 27, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:00 AM at the Cardwell School in Cardwell, Montana, with Commissioners Ted Coffman, David Schulz and Frank Nelson present.

David Schulz moved to approve the February 21, 2006, minutes as read. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those present at the meeting were Randy Cambridge and the people on the attached list.

**Road Closure Petition:** Chairman Ted Coffman opened the Public Hearing regarding a petition requesting the closure of a certain portion of a county road, also referred to as the Old Yellowstone Trail. Those people on the attached list were present for this portion of the meeting. Commissioner Frank Nelson read the Petition for Road Closure, the Viewer's Report, and MCA 7-14-2615, regarding Abandonment or vacation of county roads. Dave Adamson stated that he was present at the meeting to represent Jean Deming, an affected landowner that was unable to attend, and that she wanted it put on record that she is opposed to closing the road. Commissioner Nelson then read two letters from Jean Deming, one dated December 6, 2005, and one dated February 20, 2006, both stating her opposition to closing the road. After much discussion, Frank Nelson moved to deny the request to close the road extending in a northerly direction off of State Highway 359 in the Southwest ¼ of Section 25, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, for approximately ¼ mile to the north boundary of property owned by Clovis Hinton Ranch, LLC, for the reason that it can provide access to one landowner, and that he believes the road should be either all opened or all closed. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The Board recommended that the affected landowners negotiate with Ms. Deming for an egress easement and submit a new petition signed by all affected landowners requesting closure of the entire ¾ mile section of county road.

**Public Comment:** The Board discussed the upcoming election. Frank Nelson stated that he was not planning on running again and that no one had filed for his position yet. Frank encouraged anyone who was interested in this position to file for office by March 23, 2006. The Board also discussed mill levy requests for weed control, nursing homes, and other issues that will be on the Primary ballot in June and the Courthouse Annex project that will be on the November ballot and urged public support of these important issues.

The Board traveled back to Virginia City and Frank Nelson was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

**Nursing Homes Mill Levy Resolution:** Randy Cambridge, Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center Administrator, met with the Board to discuss the current status of the Sheridan Nursing home and the projected amount of revenue needed on a Mill Levy Resolution. Randy also discussed upcoming expenses in the Maintenance and Laundry departments of the Nursing Home.

**Library Board Appointment:** David Schulz moved to appoint Pat Bradley to the Madison County Library Board, representing the Twin Bridges/Silver Star area, for a three year term which will expire on December 31, 2008. Ted Coffman seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**District 12 Human Resource Council Representative:** David Schulz volunteered to be the Madison County representative for the District 12 Human Resource Council and recommended that Julie Dewey be the alternate representative for the position.

**Sheriff's Car:** David Schulz moved to purchase the Undersheriff's car from the Sheriff's Department for \$5000, with the funds coming out of the general fund, and consider selling the blue county car. Ted Coffman seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Claims:** The Board approved claims.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

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C. Ted Coffman, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: March 6, 2006  
Minutes prepared by:

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